

WILD WATERS STILL RAGING

Situation in Some Districts is Slightly Improved.

STRAIN ON THE LOUISIANA LEVEES

It Will Be Something Terrific in a Week.

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Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—Nowithstanding the high winds and heavy rain storms reported from the over-flooded Mississippi delta last night, the situation in the flood-stricken section, if not better, is certainly no worse to-night.

The water, which has been pouring through five big crevasses for more than a week, is rapidly flowing into the Mississippi again at a point 12 miles north of Vicksburg, and is sweeping southward with terrible force.

The strain on the Louisiana levees will be something terrific for a week, and if they withstand the powerful pressure for that length of time all will be well.

The Sunflower river, which traverses the counties of Coahoma, Bolivar, and Sunflower, in Mississippi, is also a runaway tonight. From 10 to 15 miles of the water from the Flower Lake crevasse is rushing pell mell into this stream, and a large area will be inundated from the overflow. The Tallahatchie and other rivers are gradually falling.

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Bald Accepts the Challenges Recently Made—Cycle Road Records Allowed—California Cycling Rules—Australian Baseball Players Who Are Touring the World Arrive in San Francisco—General Turf News.

San Francisco, April 9.—James J. Jeffries, aspirant for championship honors, whose chief claim to distinction in the pugilistic world is based on his having been Jim Corbett's boxing partner while the ex-champion was undergoing his preparation at Carson, knocked out Theodore Van Buskirk, a California heavyweight, tonight in two rounds. The contest was brought off by the National club, and between 5,000 and 6,000 people were in attendance. Jeffries has adopted Corbett's style of fighting as nearly as any man who ever appeared here. From 10 to 15 miles of the water from the Flower Lake crevasse is rushing pell mell into this stream, and a large area will be inundated from the overflow. The Tallahatchie and other rivers are gradually falling.

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Elasappa, Macedonia, April 9.—The correspondent of the Associated Press was enabled this morning to make a close investigation of the Turkish lines of defense. It revealed that everything is in excellent shape. The transport troops are excellent. Four thousand pack horses are employed and enormous masses of war stores, pontoons, cannon, tents, medicines, ammunition and in fact everything needed for a large army has been gathered here.

The Invading Greeks.

London, April 9.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Elasappa dated 3:20 p. m. today, says:

The invading Greeks number 1,000 and are holding their own. Telegrams are proceeding incessantly between Grevena and Constantinople.

BRYAN AT TALLAHASSEE.

But Little Injured by the Accident—An Address Enthusiastically Received.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 9.—Hon. William J. Bryan reached here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He spoke today at Lake City, Live Oak and Lloyds, where he was greeted by big crowds.

Upon his arrival here he was met by a committee and the city officials. When asked if he felt any serious effects from his accident yesterday, Mr. Bryan said:

"I am all right. I was considerably shaken up, and my legs and chest are very sore."

A platform had been erected in Lewis park, and Mr. Bryan spoke there at 8 o'clock to 1,000 people after a formal welcome to the city by Mayor Shine, and an introduction by Senator Shipley. He disclaimed any intention to influence the pending senatorial contest in the legislature. After the speech a reception was held at the Leon hotel. Mr. Bryan will speak tomorrow night at Jacksonville.

ANOTHER CHANCE.

Chinese Will Have an Opportunity to Slip Into Tennessee.

Washington, April 9.—Secretary Gage and the immigration officials are perplexed at the best course to pursue in regard to the immigration of a large number of Chinese laborers, in connection with the Chinese exhibit at the national exposition at Nashville, Tenn. The law allows the immigration of a sufficient number of Chinese laborers to do the work of installing the exhibit and also such as may desire to give entertainments in the exhibition, on condition that they will leave the country at the close of the exposition. The experience of the officials is that many of the Chinese, finding business dull after a week or two, drift over the country and engage in other business. While this is a violation of the spirit of the law, there does not seem any way of preventing

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THIRTY-FIVE OUT OF FIFTY-TWO

Number of Guests Accounted for at Knoxville.

MANY CHARRED REMAINS FOUND

LIST OF DEAD LARGER THAN AT FIRST THOUGHT.

Destruction of the Hotel Register Prevents Anyone From Knowing Exactly Who Placed Their Names On it on the Fatal Evening—Telegrams Pour in From All Over the Country—Rewards Offered for the Bodies Bring Out a Big Force of Men.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 9.—Of the 52 guests who were sleeping in the hotel Knox yesterday morning when the fire broke out, only 25 have been accounted for.

The hotel register was destroyed and it will, perhaps, never be known how many lives were lost. Those known to have perished in the flames are:

A. E. Weeks of Locke, N. Y.; drummer.

G. W. Roberts of Pulasky, Tenn.; lightning rod agent.

A. E. Williams, Springfield, Mass.; retired merchant.

Telegrams have been pouring in all day from different cities inquiring about people supposed to have been in Knoxville.

The work of searching for the remains in the ruins was begun late this afternoon, and the developments already indicate that the list of death will be much larger than at first thought.

Charred remains were found in different localities of the ruins.

E. A. Williams of Springfield, who was beyond a doubt burned, was 43 years of age and was traveling south for his health.

Large rewards have been offered for the bodies, and a large force of men is at work tonight clearing away the debris.

Of those injured perhaps only one will die. J. C. M. Bogle of Tennessee, a civil engineer, lies in a very critical condition at the city hospital. He inhaled flames, and his limbs are burned badly.

Messrs. Kennard, McMillan, Hogan, Kreeck, Hendon and Hicks, all of Knoxville, who are most painfully hurt, are recovering.

The total property loss sustained, will be \$1,611,000; total insurance, \$414,200. Many of the firms burned out have secured temporary quarters and the wholesale houses especially have never stopped filling orders.

ALABAMA CYCLONE.

Many Houses Demolished, But Only One Fatally Reported.

Montgomery, Ala., April 9.—A special to the Advertiser from Ozark, Ala., says:

A cyclone passed over a portion of Dale county last night, leaving wreck and disaster in its path. Many houses were demolished.

Mrs. Powers was caught by the falling timbers of her home and died before she could be rescued. The rest of the family were rescued.

This is the only fatality reported. For many miles the farmers are suffering, everything they had having been blown away by the wind or ruined by the torrents of rain.

The citizens of Ozark have sent several wagon loads of provisions to those in need.

Another Twister.

Atlanta, Ga., April 9.—Telegrams from Ozark, Ala., Valdosta Crossing and the ill-fated town of Arlington, Ga., show that this section was visited today by another gulf cyclone, accompanied by a rain storm, which was sweeping northward with terrific force to the confluence of the Chattahoochee and the Flint rivers, where it divided. In one direction the water was killed in the timbers were uprooted and houses blown to pieces, several lives were lost, among them Mrs. Powers, who was caught beneath the falling timbers of her house and crushed.

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The section of the cyclone was deflected upon Flint valley, breaking across south Georgia and passing through Arlington, where but a few weeks ago nine children were killed in the ruins of their schoolhouse. Reaching Valdosta, the storm became intensified in fury and trees were blown down in every part of the city. A church was wrecked from its foundations and twisted into fragments. The box cars on the Plant System were blown off the track. From many other towns reports of an equally alarming nature are coming in.

Can't Come Together.

Detroit, Mich., April 9.—The important business features of today's session of the International Association of Young Women's Christian associations was the report of the adjustment committee appointed two years ago to confer with the Y. M. C. A. in regard to uniting the two bodies.

Miss R. F. Morse of Orange, N. J., chairman of the committee, reported that it had been found wholly impracticable to amalgamate the associations.

The chief reason for this inability to come together on the evangelical question. The association committee, in convention, requires that its active members be members of churches; the other association has no such rule. The report stated that the committees had agreed to recommend that the associations aid each other in certain ways, and that they are not to conflict with each other. The report will doubtless be adopted tomorrow.

They Pray for Rain.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 9.—In view of the suffering from protracted drought the government has proclaimed that April 16 be a day of prayer for rain.

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